



President Merwin resigns

Minda Thorward
News Editor

Nearly three years after his appointment in 1996, Dr. William C. Merwin resigned from the presidency of Salisbury State University. Dr. Merwin accepted a position this summer as president of Florida Gulf Coast University in Southwest Florida, where he began his new presidency at the beginning of this month.

"It is with mixed emotions that I resign as president at Salisbury State University," said Merwin in a recent press release. "[My wife] Debbie and I love it [in Salisbury]. We were warmly welcomed and always felt supported by the faculty, staff and local community. The students were a pleasure. Chancellor [Donald] Langenberg and the [University System of Maryland] Board of Regents did all they could to entice us to stay at Salisbury. But ultimately, the pull of our three sons and six grandchildren [who live in Florida]

turned out to be something they could not match."

During his three-year tenure, Merwin's efforts helped SSU achieve the "national eminence" that he spoke of so often. "President Merwin is a visionary with the capacity to inspire others to share his vision," said Donald Cathcart, Provost. "He was not content to allow Salisbury State University to remain 'a best kept secret.'"

Under Merwin's guidance, SSU achieved national recognition as one of U.S. News & World Report's (1998/1999) Top 10 Public Regional Universities in the North and was included in Time Magazine's Princeton Review, Best 331 Colleges (2000). SSU also ranked in the top 10% of public universities in the nation by Kiplinger's, a personal finance magazine.

"President Merwin has made significant contributions to the advancement of

the university," said Donald Langenberg, Chancellor of the University System of Maryland. "He has built strong ties to the local community; increased the visibility of SSU across the nation and added to the institution's reputation as a first-rate university."

Among these various contributions was the 1999 completion of a \$13 million Capital Campaign, three years ahead of schedule. Merwin also received a \$3.2 million anonymous donation for scholarships, the largest gift in the history of SSU. Other gifts received during his presidency total more than \$4 million, including a \$1

million donation of science equipment from Richard A. Henson. State support since 1997 has increased by over 21%, an additional \$4.2 million dollars annually for SSU. The President's Club of University Supporters, established by Merwin in 1997, provided another \$2.78 million in pledges.

"President Merwin tackled our most difficult problem, chronic under-funding by the state," said Donald Whaley, chair of the SSU Faculty Senate and history instructor. "He had forged new relationships with members of the Board of Regents and

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Joe Oravec moves on

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As campus groups and organizations begin activities this fall, a familiar face will be missing. Office of Student Activities and Organizations (OSAO) Director Joe Oravec stepped down this summer in order to pursue his doctorate degree at Florida State University. "It was a very difficult decision to leave," Oravec said, "But it is time for another individual to take OSAO to another level, and time for me to move on."

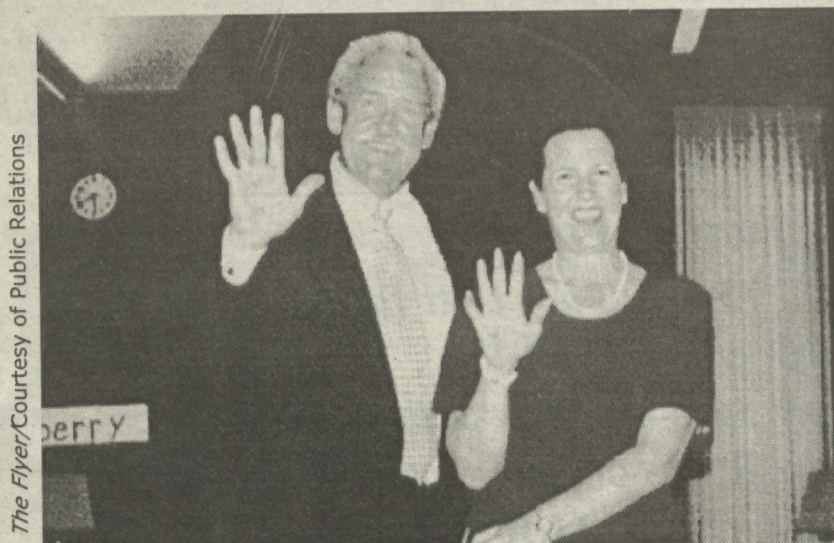
Oravec arrived in the fall of 1994, bringing change to OSAO and to campus. "He raised the level of professionalism in the office so students could get used to the protocol of the workplace," said Student Activities Administrative Assistant Nancy Isaacs.

During the past five years, Oravec has worked to improve the college experience for each person that passes through

SSU. "Students are the number one reason why every single person is at this university," he said. "It was a constant concerted effort to always include them in decisions that change activities." Under Oravec's direction, the procedure to register new organizations became easier and the number of student groups doubled.

Many of the OSAO programs Oravec helped develop have become key elements of campus life. The Nantahala "Creative Leadership" outdoor orientation, which began four years ago allows freshmen to meet classmates while hiking, white water rafting, and camping. Oravec has also played a key role in the revision of the popular and award-winning "Welcome Week." This seven-day program, held at the beginning of the fall semester, offers new students a chance to assimilate into college life through games

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Dr. Merwin and his wife Debbie are now in Florida with their family.

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In Case You Missed It...

Shooting Rampage at Church in Texas

More than 10,000 people attended a community memorial service held at Texas Christian University, for the victims of the shooting rampage at Wedgewood Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. Seven members of the congregation were gunned down in their chosen sanctuary by a gunman who then proceeded to kill himself. The service, which occurred four days after the incident, celebrated the lives of the victims and tried not to dwell on their demise. Brett Parker, a high school senior in Fort Worth, opened the gathering with a prayer and asked the people to remember the lives of those slain, not the way that they were ended. Al Meredith, the Pastor of the church said, "We won't let Fort Worth and we won't let our community be defined by this incident." Investigators found bomb-making materials and walls that had been bashed in, apparently with a crowbar, in the gunman's house, along with four battered doors behind the house.

N. C. Officials to Airlift Food to Flood Victims

North Carolina State Officials plan to airlift food and water to flood victims caught in the fury of Hurricane Floyd. Supplies are low in four counties in North Carolina and 6,000 people remain in shelters. Some people do not have electricity or running water and the waters are still rising in Easton, N.C..

New Jersey Declared State of Emergency

300,000 citizens of New Jersey are without running water in New Jersey, where Floyd unleashed a surprising amount of damage. Millions of people cannot make telephone calls as nearly everything is submerged under water. President Clinton has declared a state of emergency, as those still stranded by floodwaters are rescued by boat and helicopter.

Hurricane Floyd Wreaks Havoc Along Eastern Seaboard

Parts of Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York are left without electricity and phone service as Hurricane Floyd hurtled along the East Coast. 44 people were killed from the Bahamas to New England and Virginia was declared a major disaster site, with an estimated \$131 million in damage. In New York, President Clinton signed an emergency declaration for Orange, Putnam, Rockland and Westchester counties in an effort to



provide emergency aid to flood victims. The President will proceed next to North Carolina to assess and survey the damage done along their eastern coast.

Tropical Depression in the Gulf of Mexico Heads North

As of Sunday, a new tropical depression is heading North out of the Gulf of Mexico. Fortunately, forecasters don't expect more than a half an inch of rain to result from this latest weather phenomenon.

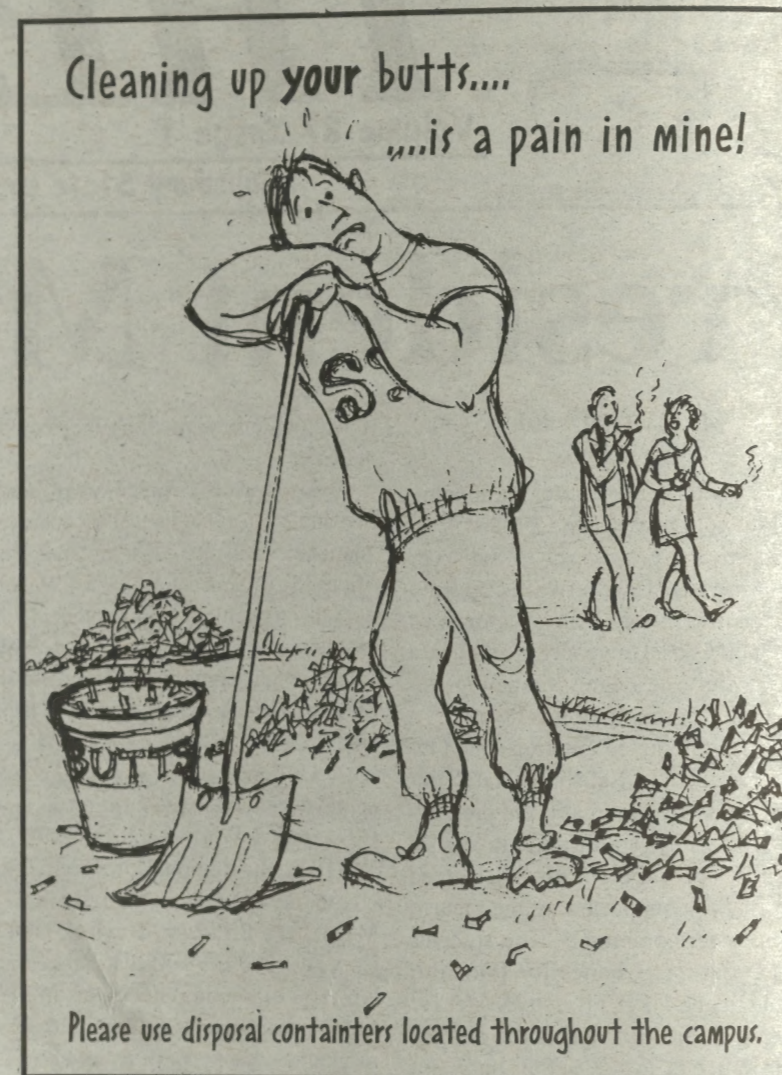
Presidential Hopefuls Discuss Platforms

Vice President Al Gore is pushing for pending anti-job discrimination, whereas Democratic presidential hopeful Bill Bradley is in a bid for the homosexual communities support. Bradley has called for an expansion of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which would add sexual orientation and outlaw sexual discrimination in employment, housing, lending and public accommodations. Bradley also rejected the Clinton Administration's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy allowing gays to serve in the military as long as their sexual orientation was a secret. Gays in the military should be allowed to serve openly without fear of retribution. Both candidates still oppose same-sex marriages because of, "the religious nature of marriage and out of respect for that." In the same instance, both candidates favor legal protection for "domestic partners."

International Peacekeepers to Restore Order in Timor

On Monday, September 13, international peacekeepers from Australia, Britain, New Zealand, the U.S. and half a dozen other nations, landed at dawn in Dili, capital of East Timor to clear the way for U.N. forces. These U.N. representatives hope to restore order and help usher the Indonesian province towards independence. An announcement two weeks ago stated that 78.5% of East Timor's voters approved a break with Indonesia. This announcement led to a murderous rampage by pro-Indonesia militia, which cost several hundred lives and more than 300,000 people driven from their homes. The U.N. hopes to give humanitarian aid to the hundreds of thousands of refugees, some of whom are starving.

Think about it...



Overheard on Red Square

So, we're back...

And still not that funny
Merwin's audit -

Sure the desk cost \$22,000, but
it was on sale from \$28,000.

Hurricane Floyd

What was cleaned up more in
the aftermath - beer cans or tree
limbs?

Salisbury Po-Po

So, when did they decide to
bring in SWAT teams to break up
parties?

SSU's Textbook Shortage: Not Enough Books on the Rack

Sue DiGiulio
Staff Writer

The Book Rack sold over \$200,000 worth of textbooks the first day of classes. An additional \$100,000 worth was sold within the first week. Despite the appearance of successful book sales by SSU's on-campus book store, there were a number of students who did not have such a successful experience there.

While many students had little or no trouble getting their textbooks this semester, others ran into some difficulty due to the lack of textbooks in stock.

"It's not unusual to have about five to six percent of the books not here," said Book Rack manager Stan Shedaker, "We only buy what we can sell. We haven't done anything differently than we have in the past."

Many students don't understand why their textbooks aren't available. Lack of books is a result of one or several reasons, such as an error in inventory, the placement of a wrong order by a professor, or unexpected over-enrollment in a class. The professors for at least six courses were not hired until after August 15, which made their orders late and resulted in the late arrival of students' books.

Another factor contributing to the book crisis is the Drop-Add program. Because so many students wanted to add certain classes at the beginning of the semester, there were often not enough books for those last-minute additions. Though returns and sales should balance out somewhat, Drop-Add can create some confusion at the Book Rack. Those who drop classes don't always return their books to the store, resulting in

in a number of students who must fill out forms to backorder their textbooks.

Katie Mullinix, a freshman, was one such student. "There were two books I didn't have when class started that I needed. I finally got one of them in, but I still don't have the other one," said Mullinix. "I already had homework for this class and I didn't have the book, so I needed to borrow it. I just hope I can get it in time

so I don't fall behind."

The Book Rack recently went online with efollet.com, the first and largest online bookstore, created in 1995, and brought to SSU for the first time this semester. Ordering textbooks online is a quick and easy alternative to buying them in the store. However, ordering the wrong book online can create problems when trying to return it to the bookstore.

"If someone has a bad experience on the Internet, they come to the bookstore to order their books at the last minute," said Shedaker, "We have no control over when the books come in, though."

This semester, 122 students purchased their books through efollet.com and the Book Rack expects that number to rise as popularity for online ordering increases.

Shedaker said that the textbook shortage problem was actually better this semester than it has been in the past, although he anticipates that it will worsen in the future as more and more people order online, which could create more mix-ups in terms of the number of books in stock.

"We're simply trying to get the book in [the student's] hand as fast and as easily as possible," said Shedaker.



The Flyer/Erin Riesner

Until recently, many SSU students were without necessary textbooks due to a shortage in the Book Rack.

On-campus safety: Fighting crime with awareness

Jen Abbatiello
Editor In Chief

Violence in schools across America has recently become a major problem with no visible solution. Fingers point in every direction, blaming parents, teachers, society, children. Blaming others, however, will not put a stop to the problems. And until an answer can be found, awareness is the only way to prevent crimes.

SSU's Office of Public Safety is responsible for handling the safety and law enforcement issues on campus. During freshman orientation, all students are informed that University Police are sworn, certified police officers that have received the standard training as mandated by the Maryland Police Training Commission. These officers, along with Public Safety, are the people you go to when you have a problem, whether you need your car jumped or simply do not feel safe walking across campus by yourself.

The Office of Public Safety urges the entire SSU community - staff, students, faculty - to report any crimes they have

witnessed or been victimized by, accurately and as quickly as possible. Each week, a summary of incidents reported to the Office of Public Safety is included in The Flyer's Crime Beat. Jim Phillips, the Director of Public Safety, is in charge of making the campus more aware through the column.

Crime Prevention Program - SSU provides speakers on important topics to prevent crimes as well as creating pamphlets in order to make students and staff more conscious of campus crime-related problems. Also, engraving devices may be loaned to students in order to engrave their driver's license number on personal property, so that it may be recovered more easily if stolen.

Escorts - Anyone who does not feel safe walking alone across campus at night can be escorted by a Public Safety Officer. So, next time you do not want to walk across campus in the dark, constantly checking behind you, call Public Safety at 3-6222.

Outdoor Lighting Surveys - On a monthly basis, outdoor lighting is sur-

veyed and the necessary repairs are made.

Bicycle Registration - Students may register their bicycles with the Office of Public Safety for free. This service helps police in recovering a bicycle if it has been stolen. It is strongly recommended that students use locks on their bikes.

Sexual Assault Prevention Programs and Victim Services - The prevention of sexual assaults is an important topic that is discussed during the New Student Seminar, which all freshmen and transfer students must attend. Victim Services offer assistance in reporting sexual assaults to the proper law enforcement authority; counseling; health services and assistance in changing academic and/or living situations, as requested by the victim.

Drug and Alcohol Penalties - According to the Police/Public Safety website, "Substance abuse is now recognized as the number one public health problem in the United States. Approximately 30 percent of all admissions to general hospitals and 50 percent of psychiatric institutions have detectable substance abuse." Substance abuse is also a major

problem on SSU's campus.

SSU enforces county, state and federal laws involving the illegal use of drugs, including alcohol. Any unlawful possession, use or distribution of drugs or alcohol, or alcohol abuse are violations of the University's Code of Conduct, and will result in disciplinary action.

According to Barry King, the Vice President of Student Affairs, the University has also recently adopted a new policy in reference to off-campus alcohol violations. Beginning this fall, SSU will take disciplinary action against students engaged in the illegal sale or distribution of alcohol off-campus. Recommended by the Alcohol Task Force and approved by former-President, William C. Merwin, this new policy is targeted at student hosts of what are often called "rent parties." These parties typically involve large numbers of students and large quantities of beer, the conditions under which alcohol abuse is likely and, as a result, puts students at risk. Disciplinary action by the university will be in addition to criminal or civil action initiated by local law enforcement authorities.

Dr. Merwin takes position at Florida Gulf University

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with state officials and had begun to turn that problem around."

Merwin's accomplishments at SSU were not limited to increased fundraising. In 1998 he established the Camden Compact, a neighborhood/University commitment; aimed at building strong neighborhood relations between students and property owners. Other community outreach programs include the Service Learning Programs (1997), such as the Partnership for Adolescents on the Lower Shore AmeriCorps program, the Institute for Service Learning, and America Reads/America Counts.

During the first year of his presidency, Merwin brought SSU into the World Wide Web generation by wiring the campus for the Internet, primarily with student workers. In 1999, Merwin signed a \$20 million private/public partnership for a 576-bed residence hall expected to be completed in the fall of 2000. He also received state approval for the 2002 addition of a \$37 million science building.

Merwin's creation of the President's Advisory Council and the Cabinet was hailed by Chris Roberts, chair of the SSU Staff Advisory Council, as having "A significant impact on SSU by allowing for the inclusion of diverse voices and opinions before decisions are made and policies formulated. His impact on staff has been more than most can comprehend."

Despite the pressures of a busy schedule and his active involvement with faculty, staff, and local community, President Merwin always managed to make time for students, his ultimate commitment. He often attended sporting events; held informal discussions in the fireside lounge and was seen, from time to time, eating dinner in the Commons with students.

"President Merwin is the complete president," said Lee Roth, President of SGA. "He has been a leader and a friend to the students at Salisbury State University. His door has always been open to everyone."

During SSU's 1996 recruitment of Merwin, who was the then-president of State University of New York (SUNY) in Potsdam, four different universities had offered him positions, but Merwin chose SSU. He had been president at Potsdam since 1989, but it was time to move on. "There is a time and a place for everybody. Right now there is a right time for me to leave [SUNY] and go to a place like Salisbury," Merwin had said of his decision to accept the invitation to become the seventh president at SSU. Now, the time has come for Merwin to leave SSU and go to a place like Florida.

"While we were very sorry to lose Dr. Merwin and his superb leadership skills," said Langenberg, "We must recognize that when we attract talented free agents, other universities will try to recruit them as well. In fact, a few successful years at any one of our institutions only heightens a president's marketability." On top of the attraction of being close to his family, according to Langenberg, Florida Gulf Coast University offered Merwin an "excellent" compensatory package that would build on retirement benefits already accumulated by Merwin in Florida.

A search committee that fully represents the university community will be assembled this month; according to Langenberg, and a national search for a permanent successor should be completed in about six months. "I want to assure everyone at Salisbury State University that we will once again find the best leader for this very special institution."

From Dr. Merwin...

16 September 1999

To the Students of Salisbury State University:

This is a difficult letter to write. Those of you who know me understand I like to talk to students - to everyone - face-to-face, and that was something I tried to do as your president over the last three years.

After battling with political or financial matters in the course of a day, often I'd come home, have dinner, then walk around the campus at night. The walks, and talks that invariably happened, reminded - reassured - me of why I was here.

I came to know our campus community well: students on Red Square, others having a smoke by Wicomico Hall, still more hanging out in the quad. When I'd introduce myself, they'd be nervous at first, but then they'd start telling me everything.

I always like to walk through the Pergola. Its beauty lifted my spirits. Sometimes conversations would move indoors: such as one with women athletes in the Commons last fall, or evening visits to the residence halls where the RAs and I would get together. I'd ask, "If you could be president for one day, what would you do?" I found out quickly if you don't want an answer, don't ask. (One reply: lower the price of textbooks.) I also learned more about the faculty and administrators than I did from any official meeting.

So many good memories: the fireside chats with the SGA in the University Centers. Students would drop by and share things. One time a young woman trying to achieve independence by moving off campus got more than she bargained for in an apartment with broken windows and a peeping Tom. So Doug Zweiselberger (president of the SGA), Carol Williamson (vice president of student affairs) and Justin McCord (also with SGA) got a school van and we all drove to her place. There are many well-kept immaculate apartment buildings in the area, but this one was loaded with safety code violations. I put myself back into the shoes of a parent with a child in college and thought, "Would I want my son or daughter living here?"

We ended up talking to the property owners association, the mayor and zoning officials. I knew I had to change things for this young woman.

In turn, the students of Salisbury State changed my life. So many joyous moments:

- being president at the winning of the national championship in lacrosse.
- the student leadership award presentations (like being at the Oscars) produced by Joe Oravec.
- the theatre, music and dance productions which I loved. One of the last had all three, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.
- the athletics, the games, particularly the Spring Olympics, when I was pulled through the mud during the tug-of-war.
- Unity in the Community. That is an image I'll always carry in my mind about SSU.

During my three years, in any decision I ever had to make - from opening buildings to starting new programs - I'd ask myself, "How does this affect students?" When I say it was very difficult to leave, frankly, that was largely because of you.

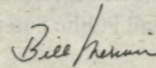
Why did I decide to become president of Florida Gulf Coast University then, a new university serving the Ft. Meyers/Naples area? The truth is I have never been recruited so hard in my career; I already had twelve years of experience developing the last new university in the Florida System, the University of North Florida; and the new chancellor of the system was asking back those who have been in the system before.

But many people campaigned hard to keep me in Maryland, including the governor, and before I left, I publicly stated I was leaving the best job in the United States. I was leaving a campus that is considered a top value in the nation, and that's by some very hard-nosed editors of publications such as *Time Magazine's Princeton Review*, *Kiplinger's* and *U.S. News & World Report*.

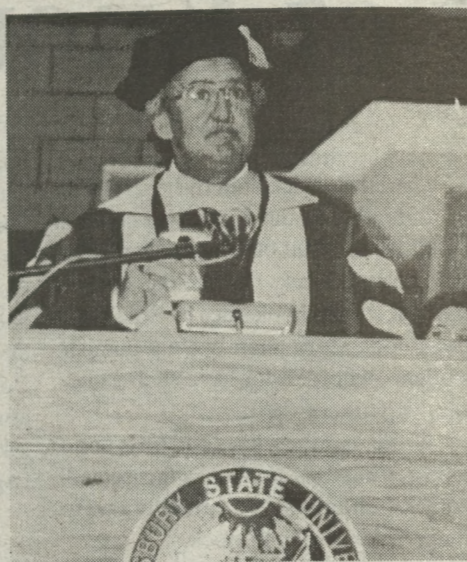
But decisions can't always be decided by national rankings and money. Ultimately my choice was made for the most personal of all reasons: my sons and all of my grandchildren are in Florida. Living there I will be a bigger part of their lives. I want to see my grandkids grow up.

I never planned to leave Salisbury State and a part of me never will. I hope you will email me at wmerwin@fgcu.edu or call the office at 941-590-1055 and tell me of your progress and plans. My wife, Debbie, and I hope the wonderful beginnings we have shared in the past three years will continue in the rest of your lives. For Deb and me, you made it the best of times and we will be forever grateful.

Most Sincerely,



Bill Merwin



Oravec heads back to school

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and get-togethers. "Since it began in 1995, Welcome Week has been recognized both regionally and nationally as an Outstanding Social Program," Oravec said. With his guidance, OSAO has also expanded its programs to include a leadership workshop series and the Celebration of University Leadership Awards, which resembles a night at the Oscars at SSU.

While Oravec credits the students and OSAO staff with making the changes in student activities, those that worked with him have said Oravec deserves the credit himself. "He made each person accountable to each other, making everyone act as a team," said Isaacs. "He is sadly missed."


A nationwide search will be conducted to find a new OSAO Director. Until a replacement is named, Susan Rogers will serve as interim director. Rogers has been with the office for four years, serving as a program assistant last year. According to Rogers, the transition will be a smooth one, with no student activities affected. "We'll maintain, but also enhance

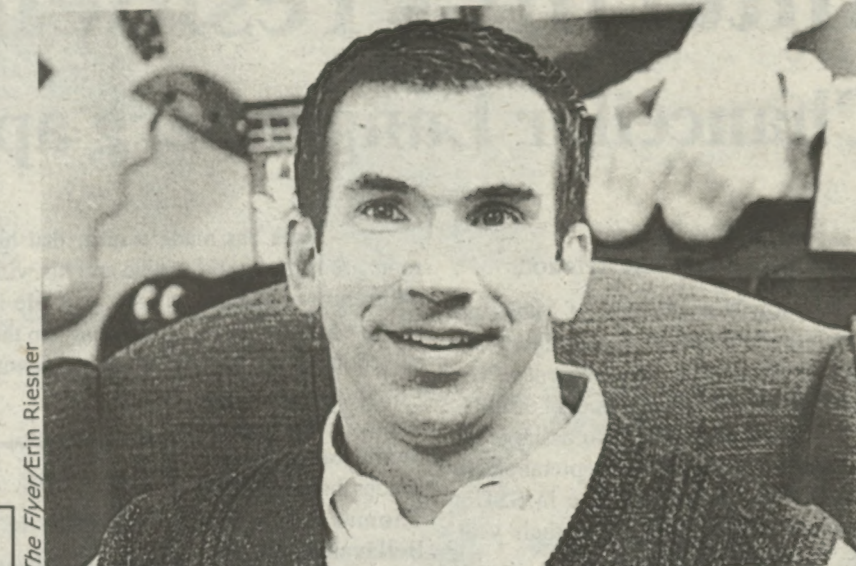
by adding new programs," Rogers said. "Joe did a great job of promoting excellence. Our goal is to capitalize on all that he did."

Oravec will be working on his doctorate in Higher Education Administration and plans to become a Dean of Students or Vice President of Student Affairs at a university. He is proud that the programs he helped develop have continued and that OSAO has become a recognizable part of student life. "My work at Salisbury State was an incredible learning experience," Oravec said. "It has given me the ability to confidently go back to graduate school and take the next step in achieving a personal career goal."

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Joe Oravec has made quite a difference in his time at SSU through his work with the student organizations.

Getting involved Has its rewards \$\$\$

Randi Lipack
Staff Writer

Coming to SSU this October, is a new system to discourage apathy and boost attendance at Registered Student Organization (RSO) events. Designed to encourage student involvement at club-sponsored activities, the new RSO point system awards points to clubs with the most members in attendance at various SSU activities. The club with the most points at the end of the year will receive a \$250 award.

Points are awarded based on the percentage of club members present at any given RSO event. Two points are awarded for 10% attendance, 30% receives four points, and so on. 100% attendance is awarded the full ten points. SGA will maintain careful records of points earned by each club. Student ID's are required to receive points for attendance at any club event. SGA is hoping to obtain a mobile scanner so ID's can be quickly and easily scanned electronically.

According to Christine Pelletier, Vice President of University Affairs, student turnout at many club-sponsored activities has recently been poor and the new point system should help make a difference. Pelletier said she hopes the point system will turn into a competition between the clubs, each looking to win the reward at the end of the year and increase its club's treasury.

The RSO point system also encourages club unity, as individual members of a club must ban together to pull for their event. SGA anticipates that students will also support their professors' activities, bringing academics out of the classroom.

All Registered Student Organizations and RSO events on campus will be eligible to participate in this new system. These events include student organizations' open meetings, contests, activities and athletic events; as well as open, registered lectures. In order to be eligible, an activity must be open to all students, allowing for fair competition in awarding points.

While attending a conference this summer in Texas, executive board members of SGA were impressed by another university's presentation of the point system's success at their school. SGA decided that the implementation of a point system would likewise boost attendance at SSU events. Because the program is so new, Pelletier said that students are welcome to bring their suggestions to the SGA office and they will be taken into consideration. SGA encourages all SSU students to get involved and take advantage of the many activities and events offered right here on campus.

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Interim President named for SSU

Chancellor Langenberg appoints Dr. Joel M. Jones

Press Release
Courtesy of Public Relations

University System of Maryland Chancellor Donald M. Langenberg recently announced the appointment of Dr. Joel M. Jones as interim president of SSU.

Jones is expected to assume his full duties the third week of September. He and his wife, Julie, will live in SSU's President's Residence during their year here.

Jones, who served as president of Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO, from 1988-98, comes with a resume of in-depth experience in administration, planning and academics, combined with a notable career as a scholar and teacher.

"Joel Jones has an outstanding record of keeping institutions on the right path," said Langenberg. "At Salisbury, the path is steadily moving upward and upward, and I have every confidence that Joel will make sure that much ground is gained during his tenure as interim president. He will undoubtedly be an active leader and effective advocate for Salisbury as it begins its 75th year of operations."

"I need to like the place I'm working for," said Jones. "The Salisbury State campus is spectacular, the people here are good, talented and passionate about the school, and this is a student-centered teaching/learning institution... for us both a good, if temporary, fit."

Jones has made it clear that his roots are in Colorado and he and his wife will return to Durango after a year. He is expected, however, to be influential in the selection process of SSU's new president.

In some ways, Jones's academic background echoes that of the late Thomas E. Bellavance, former president of SSU who died in 1996 and was credited with elevating the campus academically. Jones is a 1960 honors graduate in American Studies from Yale University. His M.A. is in English from Miami University and his doctorate in American Studies from the University of New Mexico.

A National Endowment for the Humanities scholar, he served on its national Board of Consultants. He also served on several national organizations, including the Committee on Excellence in Teaching and Learning and chair of the Cultural Diversity Committee for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, and the Commission on Leadership Development for the American Council of Education.

During the first half of his academic career, he regularly published in the field of American Studies, particularly in the journal American Literary Realism, ultimately serving on its Board of Editors. He has also written extensively on popular culture in topics ranging from aesthetics and art criticism to environmental ethics. In 1972 the Educational Press Association of America voted him its Distinguished

"The Salisbury State campus is spectacular, the people here are good, talented and passionate about the school..."

- Dr. Joel M. Jones
Interim President

Achievement Award.

In 1974 Jones accepted his first administrative post as an Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at the University of New Mexico. For the next 11 years he stayed in the Provost Office, shouldering increasingly heavier responsibilities as Associate Provost/Dean of Faculties.

He also assumed the role of Vice President for Administration, planning student affairs with authority over all administrative, student services, recruitment and public relations for a

campus of some 20,000 students.

To his tenure at Fort Lewis, Jones brought a unique presidential style, which endeared him to both faculty and students. One professor there described him as a "regular guy" who, on one hand, would come to a Halloween party with his wife-the two dressed as bikers in leather and press-on tattoos-and, in turn, write eloquently in such prestigious journals as Liberal Education. In a recent article he described the need for college presidents to listen to housekeepers as well as department heads. "Consciousness and conscience" must be connected, he said.

Praised by a Fort Lewis colleague for his "remarkable concern for students," coupled with an in-depth moral imperative, Jones has, in recent years, focused much of his scholarly writing on the totality of education, its need for community and communication. "You want debate, you want dialogue, you want people to be free to say what they want," said Jones, and, equally importantly, "you want them to listen to one another."

In his commitment to hearing all voices, Jones's style, observers say, echoes his immediate predecessor, President William C. Merwin.

Voices



"This summer I went to the Bahamas during a sponsored senior week trip. During my trip, I was able to go snorkeling, scuba diving and attend a number of various cruises. This trip allowed me to meet a number of people from across the country."

-Francis Reidy

"I spent my summer crawling through castle ruins in southern Germany and taking full advantage of my 14-day Eurorail pass."

-Jamie Lynn Smolian



"I worked here this summer at the Maryland Summer Center for the Arts with talented and gifted kids."

-Chandra Chester

"I went on a trip for two weeks with family. We flew to Las Vegas and then drove to the Grand Canyon, San Diego, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Yosemite. It was an amazing experience! (Especially spending two weeks in a van with my family!!!)"

-Katie Profili

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SGA Training

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Interested in becoming an SGA Senator? We are still taking applications for all classes. Come pick up an application in the SGA Office in GUC today! Or call 548-4757.

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Editorial The Flyer...

The Inside Scoop for SSU

So, you're sitting there talking with your friends in the Commons, and one of them asks you if you caught the football game the other day. Of course, you hadn't quite made it as a result of some late night partying the Friday before. So, you feel a little out of the loop.

Then, someone else wants to know if you've heard about that new policy or if you want to go see that play the theatre department is performing. Only problem is - you have no idea what they're talking about. Now you're wondering, "Am I really a college student?"

How do you go about finding out all this stuff? Where can you get reviews and recaps of campus happenings, and explanations of actions taken by the administration? That's when you turn to the little newspaper with the big impact - *The Flyer*.

This year, *The Flyer* is continuing to make the numerous changes that were initiated last year, including the style and structure of the newspaper and its production.

As a result of graduation last year, we have suffered many important losses to our staff. We have, however, received a tremendous outpouring of interest, and

joining our ranks are new ideas; quite a bit of talent and experience, and most of all, dedication and reliability.

We could always use more help, novel thoughts and suggestions, so if you want to get involved, please do. Your letters and feedback are imperative for the success of our newspaper, and your articles and submissions help to make the paper a campus-wide interaction.

Everybody has their own opinions - let us hear them. Maybe it's something your professor said that has you thinking. Maybe it's something you noticed while walking across campus one day. Maybe it's an injustice you just can not tolerate any longer. Whatever the case may be, express it and send it to us - Box 3183 - or come visit us on the second floor of the Guerrieri University Center.

The Flyer is working for you, the students and staff. But we can't do it without your help.

Now, let's get this semester off to a great start. Be safe. There are people here who care about you and want you to be a success.

Good luck everyone and have a great semester!

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The Flyer reserves the right to edit or refuse all materials submitted for publication based on clarity, space and appropriateness. *The Flyer* does not print letters of congratulations.

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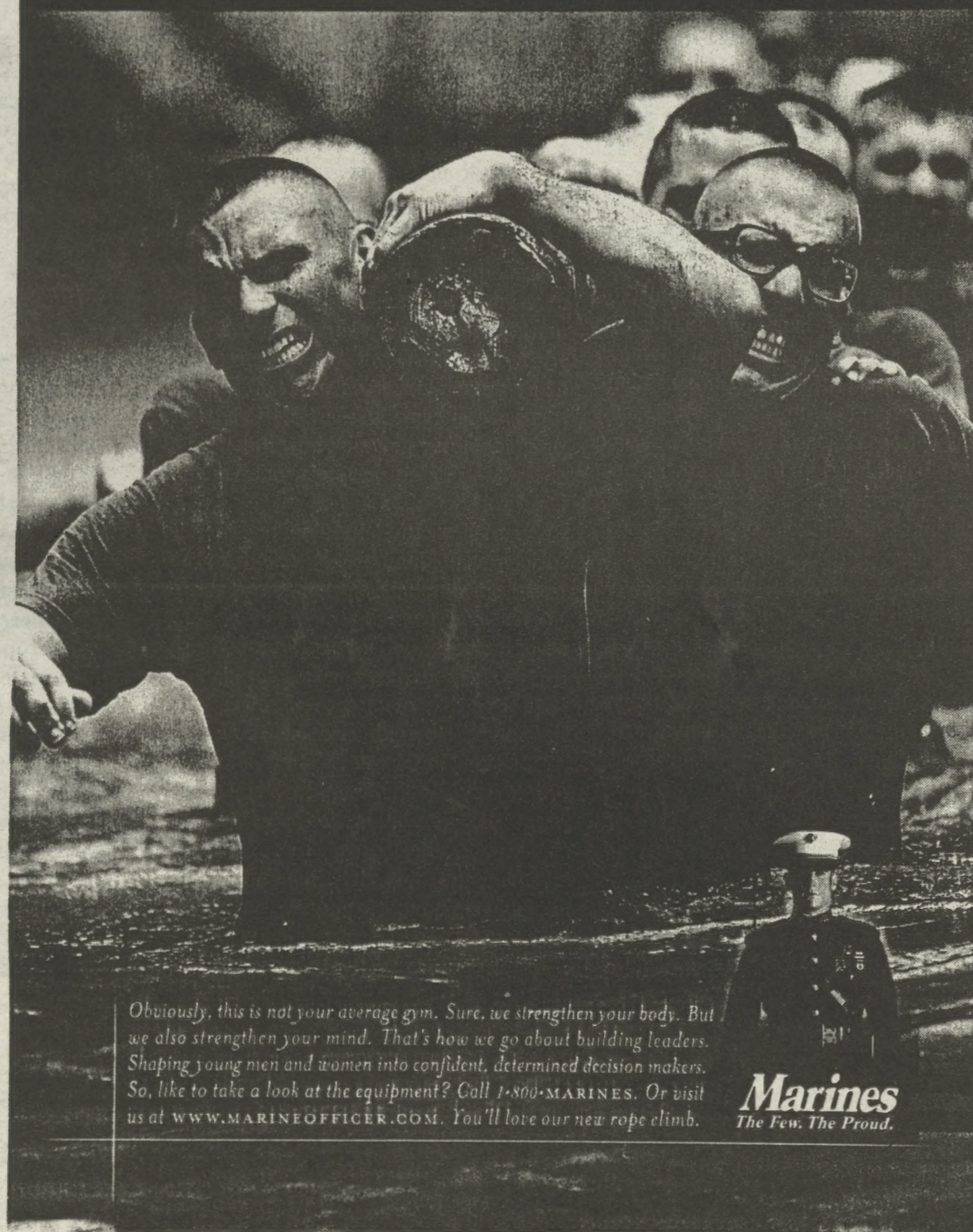
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SSU presents Nobel Laureate

Press Release

Courtesy of Public Relations

Tickets are still available for a much anticipated reading by Nobel laureate Toni Morrison at SSU. Her reading will take place Sunday, Sept. 26, at 2 p. in Maggs Gymnasium. Tickets are being distributed at the Guerrieri University Center Information Desk.

Morrison's original visit in April was postponed after she became ill. New tickets are needed for those wishing to attend. Admission is free and seating is on a first come-first seated basis. The doors to the gymnasium open at 1 pm, where the Keith Marks Trio will play until Morrison's reading begins at 2 pm. Once she begins speaking, no late comers will be admitted.

Morrison, 68, has had a distinguished career as a teacher, editor, novelist and essayist. In 1993, she became the first African-American to win the Nobel Prize for literature.

Her seven novels, *The Bluest Eye*, *Sula*, *Song of Solomon*, *Tar Baby*, *Beloved*, *Jazz* and *Paradise*, have received international critical acclaim. She received the National Book Critics Award in 1977 for *Song of Solomon* and the Pulitzer Prize for *Beloved*. Both novels also were chosen as the main selections for the Book of the Month Club.

She has received honorary degrees from Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, Sarah Lawrence, Oberlin, Dartmouth, Yale, Georgetown, Columbia, Brown, University of Michigan and Universite Paris 7-Denis Diderot. She was also the recipient of the Washington College Literary Award in 1987.

She also worked as a senior editor at Random House for 20 years.

Morrison earned her bachelor's degree from Howard University and her master's from Cornell. She has taught on several campuses and is currently the Rob-

ert F. Goheen Professor of the Humanities at Princeton University.

Morrison is expected to read from her latest novel, *Paradise*.

SSU sponsors of Morrison's visit include the Student Government Association, Cultural Affairs Council and Multiethnic Student Services. Business sponsors include Perdue Farms Incorporated, Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Salisbury and Delmarva.

For more information call 410-543-6271 or 410-543-6006.



After an illness that prohibited her from coming last April, Toni Morrison will speak to the SSU community on Sunday, Sept. 26.

The Flyer/ Courtesy of Public Relations

Dear freshmen... Advice for making this your best year

Teresa Piekarski
Features Editor

As a senior at SSU, I can assure you that your time here will fly by very quickly. One day you step onto the campus as a freshman, and before you know it, it is time to walk across the stage to receive your diploma and bid farewell to college life. Since these are some of the best years of your life, why not start them off right?

First of all, you have the opportunity to meet thousands of people. There are about 6,000 students on this campus and every day, you pass by many of them while walking here or there. You will not notice these people, however, if you are walking around with your eyes focused on the ground. When you walk, look up. Enjoy the beautiful campus around you and smile at every face you pass. Some of the friends I have made here at SSU have simply been people that I casually greeted when our paths crossed on campus.

Getting involved in campus activities and organizations is another way you can meet new people. There are over 90 student organizations at SSU. These diverse organizations range from departmental clubs, such as the Education and History clubs, to student publications like *Evergreen* yearbook and *Scarab* literary magazine. There are also sports and special interest clubs, religious organizations and active student radio and television stations. You can

also get involved with the Student Government Association (SGA), Student Organization for Activity Planning (SOAP) or Greek life. And hey, if you have a special interest and SSU does not currently provide an organization for it, take the initiative and start your own.

Not only do you have the chance to meet thousands of students, but you also have the opportunity to encounter another amazing group of individuals - the faculty.

We are privileged to have so many brilliant minds and kind hearts teaching in our classrooms. I urge you to get to know your teachers, your advisor, and for that matter, any faculty or staff member. I have encountered many incredible teachers here while sitting in my classrooms, conducting interviews for the newspaper, and even strolling through campus. I use the term teacher to include not only professors, but also any faculty or staff member who has taught me something valuable. Our staff here is another wonderful bunch of people, so talk to them, too. Meet these people; appreciate them and the things they can teach you.

Finally, you have to learn how to deal with something that comes in great abundance during your college years - free time. For the first time in your life, you are in complete control of what you do every minute of the day. How much you experience in your free time is all up to you. When you look at your schedule, realize how many

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Theatre Program receives tremendous endowment from community member

Press Release
Courtesy of Public Relations

In 1933, the same year that Salisbury Normal School's theatre club, Sophanes Players, was founded, a teenager from the Mid-West, Bobbi Biron, moved to Salisbury.



father, Dr. J. Harry Biron, established a successful chiropractic practice. "Salisbury was very good to our family," said Biron. Now, in gratitude to the community which has been her home most of her life, Biron, 82, is endowing Salisbury State University's Theatre Program with more than \$500,000.

With this gift, SSU becomes the first campus in the 13-member University System of Maryland with an endowed theatre program or department. In gratitude to its benefactor, the program is being named in her honor.

The gift will have a major impact on campus theatre, immediately doubling and eventually tripling its budget.

"Bobbi Biron is a real hero of the arts in Salisbury," said past SSU President

William C. Merwin. "She is someone who has done more than enjoyed what she saw. She has ensured that our descendants will have the opportunity to enjoy first-rate theatre on the lower Shore."

According to Martin Williams, Vice President of University Advancement, in the next few years, the Biron gift will provide just under \$12,000 of support annually. Then, as the endowment is fully established through the SSU Foundation, interest will provide a minimum of \$25,000. Currently, the theatre program has an annual budget of some \$12,000.

"The University is extremely grateful to the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore for directing her generosity to this wonderful program," Williams added.

Biron has stipulated a variety of uses for her gift, but those most frequently mentioned by her and SSU officials, are student scholarships and guest artist programs.

Artists would include guest directors, designers and actors who would not only work with productions, but also teach specialties such as stage combat or period costuming, and conduct workshops. "They would provide a wide range of experiences for students as well as the community," said SSU's Director of Theatre, Dr. T. Paul Pfeiffer. "We are most grateful to Ms. Biron and want to see her gift put to immediate use." Already Pfeiffer is in negotiation with educators at the Globe Theatre Center in London, England, which recently opened the acclaimed replica of Shakespeare's playhouse. He is discussing hiring a visiting director for the upcoming season.

Although the Theatre Program (part of the Communication Arts Department) is small, three other professors be-



A member of the Salisbury community for 66 years, Bobbi Biron has chosen to make a generous gift to SSU thespians.

sides Pfeiffer direct and design as well as teach, its individual members have had notable success. Pfeiffer was one of only two dozen American educators asked last summer to participate in the Globe's "Teaching Shakespeare Through Performance." He returns to England this summer where the Royal Shakespeare Company is presenting his play, An Apology for the Life of an Actor.

Dr. Andrew Hepburn, who also directs, is founding president of Art Culture Nature Inc., a national association for the study of the arts and the environment. Art Culture Nature holds its second international conference in Seattle, WA, in July.

Professor Robert Smith, director, is a member of the Fine Arts Advisory Panel for the State Department of Education which develops policy and advocates for arts education in Maryland schools.

Professor Gerry Patt Jr., designer and technical director, is a regional officer for the United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT), and has presented or served as chair of its national meeting for the last eight years.

Biron first started attending professional theatre in New York and Wilmington with her family, and recently became an SSU Theatre subscriber.

The University "offers so much to residents here," she said. "The Symphony Orchestra, the dance (concerts) ... I love theatre. And people on campus have been so kind and gracious. Salisbury has been good to the Biron family. This is a

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Rock rocks MTV Music Awards

Matt Borlik
Staff Writer

This year's MTV Music Video Awards ceremony was hyped as the last MTV awards show "of the decade, century, and millennium." Focusing on the video aspect of the music industry, MTV presents awards each year to the most outstanding videos from different genres of music.

Popular comedian Chris Rock hosted the ceremony, adding his own brand of wit and humor to the event. His opening monologue took a shot at almost all of this year's nominated artists. Rock verbally assaulted Ricky Martin for not being able to produce another hit song; he asked Jennifer Lopez to thank her posterior for her success and he asked the audience which Backstreet Boy they thought would get Brittany Spears pregnant.

"Chris Rock was easily the most entertaining part of the show," said WSUR's music director Kim Giron. "Everyone knows that most of these bands won't ever have another hit, and he pointed that out. That takes guts to do when you're live on MTV."

Rock's only lackluster moments occurred when he was repeatedly asked to stretch out his bits and he was stuck without material.

A variety of popular entertainment figures such as Puff Daddy, Janet Jackson, and the cast of "The Blair Witch Project" presented the awards to the winners. The mothers of late rappers Tupac Shakur and Biggie Smalls presented the Best Rap Video award, which was won by Jay-Z. As always, something a little shocking occurred - Lil' Kim, whose dress completely exposed her left breast, was actually fondled by co-presenter Diana Ross on stage.

Live performances from artists such as Nine Inch Nails, Fatboy Slim, Ricky Martin and Jay-Z were scattered throughout the program.

Unsurprisingly, the biggest winner this year was Ricky Martin, whose hit "La Vida Loca" won him five awards including Best Dance Video, Best Pop Video and two international viewer's choice awards.

Lauryn Hill won four awards, including Best Video of the Year and Best see MTV page 14

Start off right!

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hours there are before, after, and in between your classes. Do not let these hours drift away. Rather than surrendering to the inertia of television or cigarettes, take an active role in your life and do something different. Take a walk. Read in the grass. Find a pick-up frisbee or volleyball game. Meet new people and learn from them. Imprisoning yourself in a routine is one of the worst things you can do in an enriching environment such as a university. If you develop an awareness of your free time and how you are spending it, you will get much more out of your college years.

When you walked onto this campus weeks ago, you entered a world full of adventure and opportunity. Do not waste these years. Try to experience everything. Remember, the memories you make here will last a lifetime.



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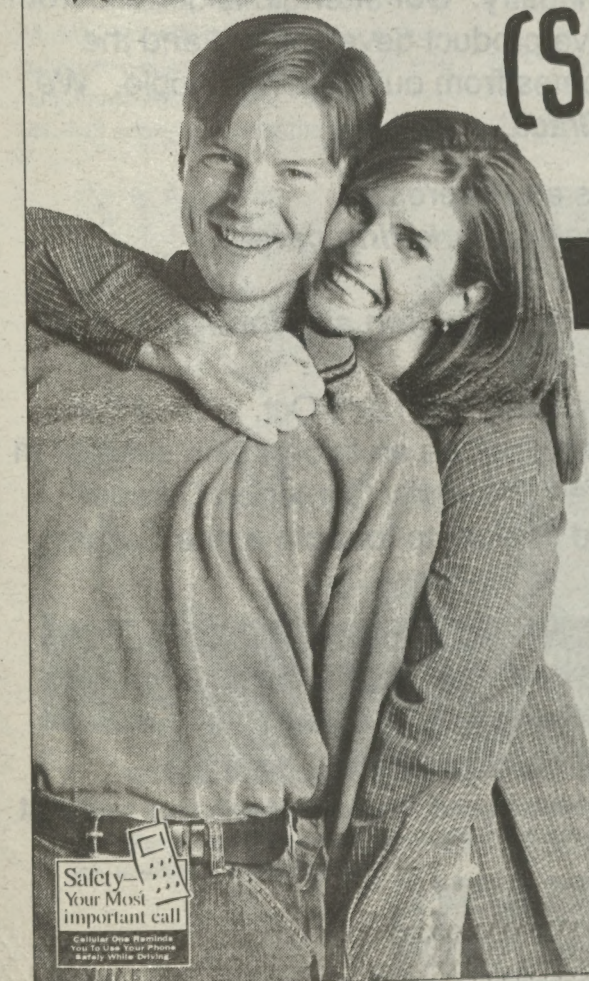
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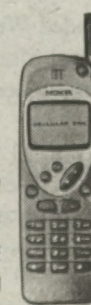
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SSU Gallery presents "Witness"

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From Thursday, Aug. 26 to Oct. 24, the SSU Gallery in Fulton Hall will present the exhibit "Witness," a collection of photographic portraits of 100 plants and animals currently on the Endangered Species List of North America. Susan Middleton and David Liittschwager's images are "poignant and their message simple," said University Gallery Director Ken Basile. "This exquisite array of flora and fauna will disappear forever if something isn't done to prevent the destruction of their habitat."

Middleton, in her introduction to the book Witness, states, "We turned our eyes toward animals and plants, members of species with million-year histories, which may be the last of their kind. They are exposed and vulnerable as their habitats, the ecosystems to which they belong, are diminishing."

Middleton was born in Seattle. After studying sociology and art at the University of Santa Clara, she began her career as a photographer of Hopi kachinas and other empowered objects in the anthropology collections at the California Academy of Sciences. In 1985, she spent a year working with the fashion photographer Richard Avedon in New York City. Her photographs have appeared in books, journals and magazines worldwide. She is Chair of the California Academy of Sciences Department of Photography and is based in San Francisco.

Liittschwager is a freelance photographer who grew up in Eugene, Oregon. His most significant training occurred through assisting Richard Avedon in

photographs have appeared in books, journals and magazines worldwide. She is Chair of the California Academy of Sciences Department of Photography and is based in San Francisco.



Notable stars turn out for main event

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R&B Video for "Dat Thing." Other winners included Will Smith for Best Male Video, Eminem for Best New Artist, Korn for Best Rock Video and Fatboy Slim for Breakthrough Video. The Backstreet Boys won the Viewer's Choice Award.

There were a few unexpected winners, however. TLC was so surprised to have won Best Group Video that they were at a loss for words on stage. The Beastie Boys also shocked the audience by winning the Best Hip-Hop video for their dated "Intergalactic" single from the summer of 1998.

The biggest disappointment this year was actress-turned singer Jennifer Lopez, whose four nominations failed to bring home a single award. Also, pop diva Madonna was nominated three times, but won only one award for Best Film Video.

New York City from 1984-1986. His work with photographers Mary Ellen Mark and Martin Bell has led him to India, Australia and the former Soviet Union. Liittschwager's photographs have appeared in Life, National Geographic, and the New York Times Magazine. He lives and works in San Francisco.

This exhibition is supported by grants from the Salisbury Pepsi Cola Co., the Calumet Institute and the Maryland State Arts Council.

The SSU Gallery is open Tuesday - Friday from 10 am - 5 pm and weekends, noon - 4 pm. For information call the SSU Galleries at 410-543-6271.

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National Champs...AGAIN!

Daniel Namorato
Sports Editor

SSU's men's lacrosse team captured its third NCAA Championship in six years with a 13-6 victory over Middlebury in the national championship game on Sunday, May 30 in College Park, MD. Game MVP Brian Smith posted three goals and one assist to pace the offense, and senior goalie Jason Tarnow registered a season-high 19 saves as the Gulls scored the game's first four goals and never trailed. SSU (18-1) set a new single-season victory record while playing before the largest crowd in school-history (17,418).

As it had done in two previous playoff games, Salisbury jumped to an early lead that it would refuse to relinquish. Chris Turner put the Gulls on the board with an unassisted goal just 1:28 into the game. Smith made it 2-0 less than three minutes later. Then Peter Troup added two goals late in the quarter to extend the margin to 4-0. The Sea Gulls led 4-1 at the end of the first quarter and 7-2 at halftime.

Each team scored twice in the third quarter, sending the Gulls into the final 15 minutes with a 9-4 advantage. Middlebury tallied the first score in the final quarter, closing to within four with 9:01 remaining. But Tarnow, who had 14 second-half saves, along with the defense, then

shut the door on the Panthers 4-1 the rest of the way to clinch the title. The Gulls outscored Middlebury 4-1 the rest of the way to clinch the title.

The SSU attack unit of Smith, Troup and Joe High combined for seven goals and three assists. Defensemen Hirbod Azmi, Mark Breier, Darren Geraci, and Jordan Austin teamed with Tarnow to hold Middlebury eight goals below its scoring average. Unsung heroes for the Gulls once again included face-off specialist Chris Martin, who won 11 of 17 draws, and long-pole middies Glen Doss and Dave DiPaola, who combined for 11 ground balls.

Head coach Jim Berkman credited the championship season to playing the best competition. The lacrosse championship capped a banner 1998-99 athletic year for SSU, which captured six conference titles and claimed the Capital Athletic Conference's All-Sports Trophy. Seven Sea Gull teams were represented in the NCAA Championships and 14 student-athletes earned All-America honors, including eight members of the men's lacrosse team.

"It was a great year," said Berkman. "We played our best at the end."

This year's team should have a great opportunity for a run at a repeat. Berkman stated, "We have a great nucleus, and plenty of depth to do it."



With fine coaching and great captains (pictured above), the SSU Lacrosse Team was above and beyond the rest.



The Gulls captured their third national championship in the 90's, with a victory over Middlebury, 13-6.

How the great ESPN came to be

Steve McIntosh
Sports Writer

Twenty years ago, a revolution occurred that would change the face of sports as we know it. On Sept. 7, 1979 an ideal was launched that has satisfied armchair quarterbacks, stat freaks and sports junkies like no other. In a small docile town in Connecticut, an earth shaking idea became reality. This reality was ESPN.

ESPN first started as a way for a dismal and now defunct hockey team to air its games on television. William Ramussen, who was an executive of the Hartford Whalers (now the Carolina Hurricanes), devised a plan to put together a cable station on which he could air Whalers games across Connecticut. Before this reality occurred, Ramussen was fired from the Whalers front office and decided to expand his idea to cover all sports.

From this he created ESPN, which originally stood for Entertainment Sports Programming Network, but today is known only as those letters that have no acronymic meaning.

Despite the network's slow start with the airing of such sports as billiards and darts the network took major advances in the sports broadcasting world.

ESPN's trademark show, Sports Center, was first to show the highlights of most major sports in a half-hour show. This led to more widespread exposure of athletes and teams outside their own market. ESPN was also one of the forerunners in the NCAA March Madness, as the first to show a multitude of early round games using satellites.

Culturally, ESPN has changed the way that sports have been viewed. Before, athletes had only some television highlights and articles in newspapers and magazines. ESPN, however, allowed viewers to see and mimic the reaction of players, creating the show-boating aspect and amusing side of sports. These include the homerun trot, the touchdown dance, and the Brandi Chastain shirt removal.

ESPN also has revolutionized the way sports are broadcasted. Ever since Chris Berman muttered his first nick name for an athlete, the idea of comical satire was brought into the sport mix. This satire has become one of the reasons for ESPN's large following. So next time you hear Stewart Scott give a big old "boo-yah", remember to thank the now Carolina Hurricanes front office that allowed this to occur by firing William Ramussen.

Fall Sports Previews

Field Hockey

The SSU Field Hockey Team is hoping to return to the NCAA tournament and challenge for national honors. As for this season, the Gulls have appeared in 14 of the last 15 NCAA tournaments and have won the Catholic Athletic Conference Championship for the past four years. Since joining the CAC the Gulls have dominated, going 33-2, and are currently on a 30-game conference winning streak. Last season, SSU made it to the NCAA tournament and was knocked out in the second round, but this does not dampen their plans for this season.

Coach Dawn Chamberlin begins her 13th season as head coach with a 156-63-8-career win/loss record. Chamberlin has high expectations for this young team, which only has four seniors. Three of last year's top four scorers are gone, which includes the loss of Megan Hopper. Hopper received first team All-American and CAC Player of the Year honors. However, Chamberlin believes she has enough young talent to make up for these key losses.

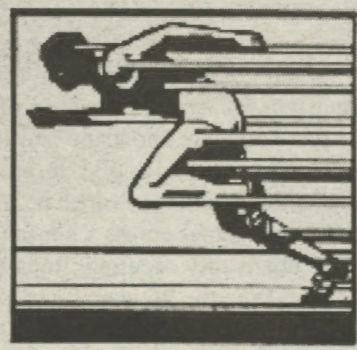
Sophomore Marie Brewington, last year's CAC Rookie of the Year, returns as the team's active leading scorer. Senior Mary Wilgus and Sophomore Brooke Murphy will look to help Brewington with the scoring.

Chamberlin admits that she is expecting a lot from freshmen standout Jill Cressor. Cressor has started her college career off to a great start, scoring three goals in the first two games. Senior Beth Getty and Sophomore Tara Webster are the key returnees at midfield. Senior Gina Dean, first team all-CAC pick, will head the defensive unit. Chamberlin is quick to say that the success of the season and how far they go will determine how quickly this young team matures.

Cross-Country

SSU's men's and women cross-country teams are coming into the 1999 season with a change of head coach. New Head Coach Jim Jones inherits a young SeaGull team that looks to establish themselves on the national scene. The squad's youth comes from the 13 out of 31 freshman runners. This doesn't seem to bother Jones, who said "Our goal will be to continue to do well on the conference level while also moving to the next level nationally."

Jones comes to SSU after a stint at Muskingham College in Concord, OH where he was the cross country and track coach.



All previews compiled by Steve McIntosh and Lenny Mierzwa.
Photos by Erin Riesner.



Women's Volleyball

The Sea Gull Volleyball Team enters the season with high aspirations for 1999. The team is coming off a 25-14 season and a first ever berth in the NCAA tournament. Head Coach Margie Knight, in her third season, has reason to expect better things to come. In each of her first two seasons with the Gulls, she has improved the team's record and taken them to the CAC championships. Last year, Knight was also named CAC Coach of the Year. The Gull squad includes five juniors and seniors on its 13-member roster. The team is optimistic and with a little perseverance, will be able to capture another tournament berth.

Men's Soccer

The SSU Men's Soccer Team has high expectations for the 1999 season. The Sea Gulls are coming off a strong season where they finished with a 15-4-1 win/loss record and finished conference runner-up in the Catholic Athletic Conference.

In 1998, the Gulls set a school record with 15 victories, a feat that they hope to repeat this year.

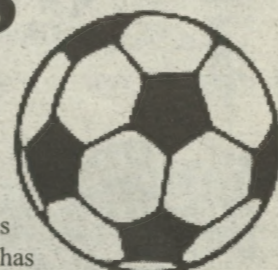
Head coach Gerry DiBartolo welcomes back 17 lettermen, with the exception of Mike Giuffrida who was the 1998 CAC Player of the Year and All-American player. Key returnees include sophomore Paul Kelly, juniors Steven Ritchie and Micheal Svelha and senior Kyle Eberhardt. Kelly finished 1998 with 14 goals and 7 assists, which helped him earn CAC Rookie of the Year honors. Ritchie finished third in scoring with nine goals and two assists.

Eberhardt is a two-time All-CAC selectee who scored two goals and added three assists last season. He will lead the defensive unit, which was the conference's top ranked defense last season. Svelha has already set a school record with 17 shut-outs, including nine last season. He has a career goals against average of 1.01.

Women's Soccer

In five seasons as head coach, Jim Berkman has directed SSU to the brink of national recognition. He has guided the Gulls to an impressive 69-22-3 win/loss record. His crowning achievement came in his first season as head coach when SSU captured the CAC Championship. Since the championship year, Berkman's troops have been second in the conference each consecutive year.

Among their big games this year, the Gulls have home games against Catholic, Mary Washington and Johns Hopkins. Their road contests include visits to St. Mary's, Richard Stockton, Lynchburg and Marymount.



SSU comes up short in Wood's debut

Lenny Mierzwa
Sports Writer

The temperature was 80 degrees; the sun was out and there was much anticipation in the air. On Sept. 11, the talk around campus focused on the debut of new head football coach, Sherman Wood. This was the day Wood was to lead SSU football team to battle against Alfred University. As 1:00 pm drew near, students, staff, community members, parents, and alumni looked forward to a new era of SeaGull football. Finally the time had arrived, and 91 athletes took the field to start the beginning of a new dynasty.

The game started off promising for the Sea Gulls, with the opening kickoff sailing out of the end zone. Alfred then began its offensive attack from its own 20-

yard line. On the fourth play of the game, Alfred's running back, George Eason, fumbled the ball and Seth Haskins recovered for Salisbury.

As the Sea Gull offensive unit took the field, the defensive unit began to pump up the crowd. However, penalties began to plague the Gulls, as they committed three penalties on the first possession. Eventually, SSU was forced to punt, giving Alfred the ball.

Alfred began the drive from its own 9-yard line. They charged down the field covering 73 yards, in 13 plays. However, Alfred ruined its chances for a touchdown after they committed a clipping penalty and had to settle for 35-yard field goal by Ryan Rambacher. The scoring picked up again in the second quarter, when Eason had an 81-yard touchdown run on the first play of the Alfred drive. Rambacher converted the extra point to give Alfred a 10-0 lead.

As half time drew near, the first half statistics largely favored Alfred. Alfred managed to accumulate 242 total yards, while Salisbury only managed 139 yards. Myron Dent was the leading rusher for the Gulls with 44 yards, while Eason, of Alfred managed to rush for 121. Ray D'Ambrosio led the Gulls in passing with 91 yards and Todd Zandrowicz was



Despite falling in the opener, SSU bounced back with a 21-6 victory over Methodist on Saturday, Sept. 18.

Alfred's leading passer with 113 yards.

SSU received the kickoff in the second half and began an impressive 13-play assault. The drive covered 63 yards and was highlighted by great running from Jamal Avery and a great fourth down pass from D'Ambrosio to tight end Ryan Brooks. On second down and goal, Dent sidestepped into the end zone for a 1-yard touchdown run. The extra point attempt

by Paul Jacko was blocked making the score 10-6 Alfred.

The Gull defense then played strong, forcing Alfred to go three and out. After the punt, SSU began its offensive drive from its own 23-yard line. On first down, D'Ambrosio rushed for 11 yards while Alfred committed a personal foul

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Daniel Namorato
Sports Editor

Beat the Editor

Well, SSU's pigskin prognosticator is back for another year of dazzling the campus with his predictions. As we head into another football season, I challenge all students and staff to attempt to select more correct winners than myself each week.

My prediction for college national champion is Florida State Seminoles.

As for the NFL, I anticipate the Minnesota Vikings to meet the New York Jets in Superbowl XXXIV, with the Jets coming out on top 27-24.

I wish the best of luck to all contestants. You will need it!

Contest Rules:

1. Put an "X" in the box next to the teams you predict will win.
2. The contestant with the most correct each week will be declared winner.
3. In the case of a tie, the tie-breaker box will be used to determine the winner.
4. All entries must be received by 7:00 pm Friday.
5. Beat The Editor is open to SSU students, faculty and staff.
6. All entries can be dropped off in front of the dining hall, next to the newspaper stand.
7. Any questions, feel free to call *The Flyer*, 3-6191.

Picks for the Week:

NFL

Falcons over RAMS - My heart wants to take St. Louis, but my brain says take Atlanta.

RAIDERS over Bears - Too much fire power for Oakland.

RAVENS over Browns - I can't believe I am taking the Ravens... that doesn't happen often.

Broncos over BUCCANEERS - Tampa Bay is underachieving... AGAIN!!!

Lions over CHIEFS - Detroit is my sleeper team for the 1999 season.

PACKERS over Vikings - Brett Favre and company slow down the high-scoring Vikes.

BILLS over Eagles - Philadelphia is still thinking about the second half disaster in Week One.

STEELERS over Seahawks - Here is the slogan for Seattle all year - No Joey Galloway, No chance.

NY JETS over Redskins - New York is down, but far from out.

JAGUARS over Titans - It just may be Jacksonville's year.

College

TENNESSEE over Auburn - The pieces are in place for a run at a repeat.

BYU over Virginia - The Cougars are playing their best ball since the Ty Detmer years.

SYRACUSE over West Virginia - I will take the Orangemen in this Big East Clash.

Michigan over WISCONSIN - The Badgers always come up short in big games.

Salisbury over GREENSBORO - The Seagull defense will be too much for Greensboro to handle.

Colorado over WASHINGTON - Rick Neuishel falls at the hands of his former team.

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Special Thanks to: Tom Flanagan and Jim Waggoner

Defense stymies Methodist for first win of season

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giving SSU the ball on its own 49-yard line. After three great runs by Jamal Avery, Dent finished the drive with a 26-yard touchdown run. The drive consisted of six plays for 77 yards. Paul Jacko added the extra point to make the score 13-10, Gulls.

Alfred answered with a eight-play, 40 yard drive, which ended in a missed field goal by Rambacher. The score remained 13-10 until late in the fourth quarter. With 6:32 left on the clock, Sea Gull punter Ryan Pusey was blocked.

blocked by Alfred's Andrew Genung. Alfred recovered on the SSU 6-yard line. On second and goal, Matt Gates threw a touchdown pass to Steve Rossi. Rambacher added the extra point and Alfred had a 20-13 lead.

The Gulls got the ball back with 2:20 left in the game and began to attempt a comeback. After two first downs and the ball on their own 37-yard line, penalties began to plague the Gulls again. An illegal substitution penalty and a false start penalty pretty much ended SSU's chances for a comeback.

The Sea Gulls gave a valiant effort, but special teams and penalties hurt their chances of a victory. After the game, Wood said, "I am upset with the end result, but I saw some bright spots today." SSU improved its offensive statistics in the second half, while the defense played fairly strong. Wood stated, "Our defense kept our offense in the game." As for the offense, Avery added 46-yards rushing in the second half after no rushing attempts in the first half. Wood had nothing but good things to say about Avery. "Jamal is like a spark plug, he has great moves and really helped his status."

NOTES: This past weekend, Salisbury picked up its first win of the season with a 21-6 victory over Methodist College of North Carolina. Myron Dent paced the attack with 142 yards on the

ground. After giving up an early score the defense put the clamps on the Methodist offense, improving SSU to 1-1 in the season. This weekend the SeaGulls will travel to Greensboro College, looking to win

back-to-back games under new coach Sherman Wood. SSU's next home game is Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 2, against Catholic University.

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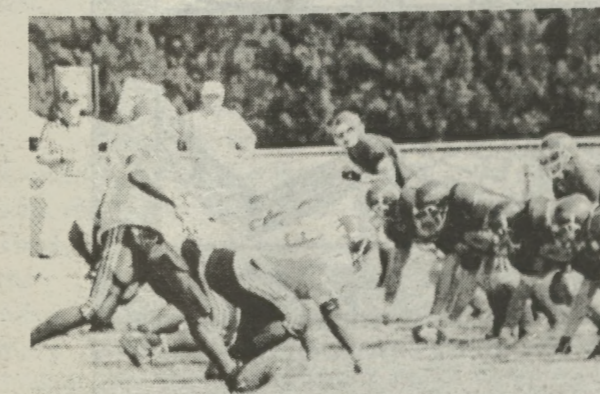


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Annual Competition for Fulbright Grants Opens

The United States Information Agency (USIA), the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board and the Institute of International Education (IIE) announce the official opening on May 1, 1999 of the 2000-2001 competition for Fulbright and related grants for graduate study abroad in academic fields and for professional training in the creative and performing arts. The purpose of these grants is to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge and skills.

For grants, applicants must be U.S. citizen at the time of application and hold a bachelor's degree or its equivalent by the beginning date of the grant. Creative and performing arts are not required to have a bachelor's degree, but they must have four years of relevant training or study. All applicants are required to have sufficient proficiency in the language of the host country to carry out their proposed study of research.

Students currently enrolled at SSU and meeting the above criteria are welcome to apply. For more information please contact the Fulbright Program Advisor, Agata Liszkowska at 543-6313 in the International Services Office located in Guerrieri University Center 229A. All applications will be reviewed on campus (campus deadline is Oct., 1999) before being forwarded to IIE for their October 25, 1999 deadline.

Environmental Studies Association

Are we too late? Is the world doomed? Come meet with us and share what the environment means to you. These questions will be the focus of the Environmental Studies Association's first meeting, to take place Tuesday, September 21st at 3:30pm at the Philosophy House. This will provide an opportunity for everyone to get acquainted and to renew our commitment to the environment and to each other.

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Baha'u'llah, founder of the Baha'i faith, has written about humanity's "Coming of Age." Dr. Tahereh Ahdieh and Mr. Navid Haghighi will speak on "Who is writing the Future?" (Based on a statement released by the Baha'i International Community, Dept. of Public Information.) It is open to the public and will take place Sunday September 26, 1999 from 10:30am to Noon in the Nanticoke Room of the Guerrieri University Center. This event is sponsored by the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'i of Salisbury, MD. For more information phone the Baha'i Center, 410-742-7739.

Internships Available

Do you want real-world experience for your resume? Perhaps you're thinking about a career in business, government, health care, law or conflict resolution. The Maryland Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division has internship positions available each semester and summers. You'll learn Maryland's consumer protection laws, be trained to mediate disputes and to provide information through the Division's Consumer Hotline. By interning in the Consumer Protection Division, you will gain the unique opportunity to apply this knowledge throughout your life, plus receive academic credit in most fields of study!

The Division's downtown Baltimore office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 5:00pm and is easily accessible by all public transportation. Internships are also available in the Salisbury and Hagerstown offices. For more information, call Ann Brooke at 410-576-6519 or see the literature on file at the Career Center.

MPT's Backyard Bash

On Sunday, Oct. 17 from noon until 5pm, Maryland Public Television invites the community to celebrate its 30th anniversary with a free Backyard Bash. Families can experience the magic of MPT behind-the-scenes, enjoy various live demonstrations, and

meet MPT on-air personalities. Walkaround characters - Elmo, Cookie Monster, Wimzie - join Bob the Vid Tech and Puzzle Place characters in entertaining youngsters. A food court, MPT Store, and KidWorks Club House add to the pleasure of clowns, magicians and jugglers. Free off-site parking only at the Owings Mills Metro Station and complimentary shuttle bus services to the Bash are provided. Call 410-581-4398 or visit www.mpt.org for more information.

National Security Education Program Scholarship Available

The NSEP was established by the U.S. Congress, which passed the National Security Education Act of 1991. The Act is guided by a mission that seeks to lead in development of the national capacity to educate U.S. Citizens, understand foreign cultures, strengthen U.S. economic competitiveness, enhance international cooperation and security, and increase global interaction among nations.

All Undergraduate students are eligible to apply for an NSEP scholarship if they meet the following conditions:

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2. Matriculated as a degree seeking student at the time of application, as well as during the planned study abroad period, as a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior in a U.S. post-secondary institution: a university, college or community college accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Students who are not matriculated at the time of application are not eligible to apply.
3. Applying to engage in a study abroad experience that meets home institution standards.
4. Planning to use the scholarship for study abroad. NSEP undergraduate scholarships are not for study in the U.S.

Financial need is not a factor in selecting meritorious undergraduate scholarship candidates; however, it will be a consideration in determining the scholarship amount for NSEP ward

recipients. Campus deadline for returning applications is December 7, 1999. For detailed information (or application form) please contact Agata at (410) 543-6313 Guerrieri University Center, 229A.

Salisbury Symphony Orchestra

The Salisbury Symphony Orchestra at Salisbury State University and its Affiliated Youth Orchestra will hold open auditions during the month of September. The Salisbury Symphony Orchestra at SSU and the Affiliated Youth Orchestra both rehearse in SSU's Fulton Hall Room 112. The Salisbury Symphony rehearses on Sundays from 7-9:45 p.m. and the Youth Orchestra rehearses on Thursdays from 7-8:30pm. To arrange an audition time, obtain a concert schedule or for further information call the Salisbury Symphony Orchestra at SSU at 410-548-5587.

Seniors-Graduation Application Deadline

All undergraduate students who plan to complete degree requirements in May 2000 or Summer 2000 must complete an Application for Diploma by Friday, Oct. 1, 1999 in the Office of the Registrar.

The purpose of this early application deadline is to allow time for each senior's records to be reviewed in detail prior to their last semester of attendance at the University. This insures that students are aware of their academic status early enough to make any last minute adjustments in their plan of study.

Please return your completed Application for Diploma to the Office of the Registrar, Holloway Hall 120, or mail it to the Office of the Registrar, Salisbury State University, 1101 Camden Avenue, Salisbury, Maryland 21801.

SGA

SSU Welcome Party at Bethany Lutheran Church. Sept. 22, 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Live entertainment, free food and drinks for off-campus students. Call SGA at 410-548-4757 for more information.

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SSU Gospel Choir Practice

The SSU Gospel Choir is devoted to spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ through song. We minister to SSU and the community. Our hopes are to help others see the Light of the World. We meet Wednesdays from 7:30-9:30pm in the Pocomoke Room of the Guerrieri University Center.

Study Abroad: Anytime, Anywhere, Any Major...

For many years, there has been a myth circulating college and university campuses that only juniors can study abroad. There has been another myth, that only language students can have that experience. Both are untrue, however, as study abroad programs are growing in numbers around the world, and many educational institutions make it easier for students to have an international experience. SSU students travel abroad to study, student teach, research and even work.

SSU encourages eligible students to have an experience in a foreign country, at any time during their

school career. A variety of programs are available virtually in every country of the world, and in most majors. These programs can vary from a couple of weeks to a full academic year. Thanks to agreements and consortia among colleges and universities, most credits and financial aid transfer from one program to another.

The possibilities are endless, but all require planning ahead. Deadlines for the spring semester are coming up in Oct., so all students are encouraged to make an appointment to discuss their plans. For more information, please call 410-543-6313.

Study Skills Workshops

SSU's Student Counseling Services is offering several workshops throughout the semester, instructed by Robert Crawley, M.A., Academic Success Counselor. The next workshop, "Reading a Textbook," will take place on Tuesday, Sept. 21 at 8:00pm. All workshops are located in the Blackwell Library, Seminar Room #131. To guarantee a seat in the workshop, please call

Student Counseling Services at 410-543-6070 to register. Walk-ins are welcome to attend if a seat is available.

Student Counseling Services also provides one-on-one counseling regarding study skills. Please call 410-543-6070 or stop by the Guerrieri University Center, Room 263, to schedule an appointment with Robert Crawley, the Academic Success Counselor.

Tenth Annual SSU Variety Show

The 10th Annual SSU Variety Show is going to be presented Family Weekend, October 22nd and 23rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Holloway Hall Auditorium. All SSU Students, Staff, Faculty and Alumni are encouraged to audition to be part of the show. Auditions are going to be on Monday October 11 and Tuesday October 12 in the Holloway Hall Auditorium. In order to audition, you must sign up your act at the Information Desk of the Guerrieri Center. Audition times will be determined when you sign up. If you are part of a band, a dance group, have a

comedy act, play piano, juggle chain saws or if you have any other talent that an audience would like to see, the Variety Show is the place to do it. Since we are celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the SSU Variety Show, we will also be featuring many great acts from the past. Auditions will be tough, so start polishing your act now. Information planning calendars are at the Information Desk or you can find out more by calling Event Services at 410-548-4597.

Trips to Israel

Hillel, a Jewish Campus ministry organization, will send 3,000 Jewish college students on free, 10-day trips to Israel in December and January "to enrich students' understanding of Israel and their Jewish identity," Hillel President Richard M. Joel said, in announcing the program. More than 500 students from D.C., Maryland and Virginia schools will be selected to participate. Detailed trip and application information is available on the Web www.isreal2000.org.

CRIME BEAT

The Flyer - September 21, 1999

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Jim Phillips
Director of Public Safety

9/2-9/10 - Lost Parking Permit - green permit #4432 was reported lost.

9/9 - Theft - a student reported that the taillights were stolen from a car while parked in the St. Martin Lot.

9/10 - Alcohol Violation - an underage resident of St. Martin Hall was found to be in possession of an alcoholic beverage near Caruthers Hall. Administration action is pending.

9/10 - Alcohol Violation - an underage resident of Pocomoke Hall was found in the building in an intoxicated state. Administrative action is pending.

9/10-9/11 Vandalism - two rocking chairs were found to be damaged in the gazebo near the University Center.

9/12-9/13 - Hit & Run - a resident of Chester Hall reported that a car was damaged while parked in the Devilbiss Lot.

9/13 - Theft - a book bag and contents were left unattended for 15 minutes. When the owner, a resident of Nanticoke Hall returned, the property was gone. This occurred between Manokin Hall and the Library.

9/13 - Suspicious Person - a report was received that a person was walking to her car parked at Asbury Church and heard someone following her. She quickly entered her vehicle and locked the door. The man tried to open the car door. She drove to the University Center to report the incident. University Police located a suspect. He was identified as a non-student. The suspect has been issued a no-trespassing letter from a similar incident. A warrant has been issued for the arrest of the man.

9/14 - Act of Intolerance - an individual received a letter that was biased toward ethnic

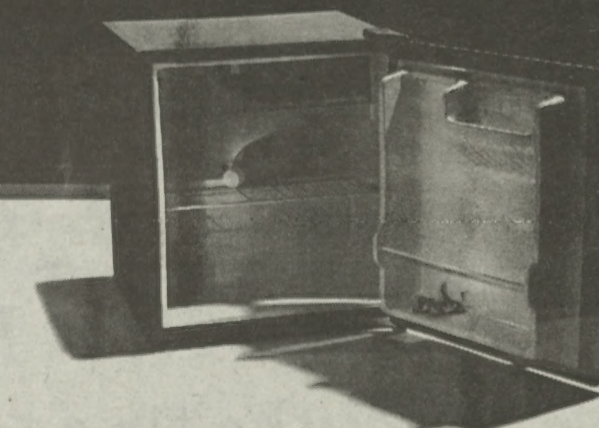
groups, racially and by sexual orientation.

9/15 - Theft - a resident of Nanticoke Hall reported that a book bag and contents were stolen from the storage area outside of the Book Rack. The property was left unattended for approximately five minutes.



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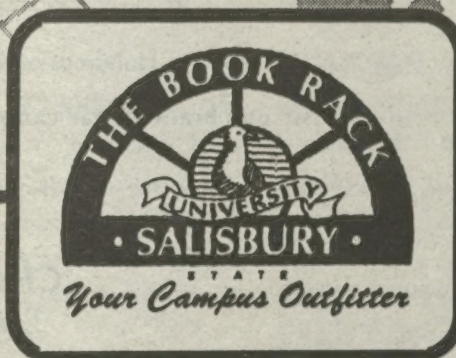
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